

Dear Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

My name is David Stevenson, and I am a resident of New Milford. I stand in support of HB 6859: An Act Concerning Predictable Scheduling.

I have spoken with workers at a local McDonald's and a local Burger King restaurant. I asked them if they have a regular schedule and how many hours they are normally scheduled for. They replied in very hushed tones that they do not know from day to day which hours they are scheduled for nor how many hours. From having worked low-paying jobs in the past, I suspect that these restaurants could with very little effort establish a regular 40-hour schedule for their employees with a contingency plan for occasions when an employee calls out sick. I do not know whether a 40-hour work week would require these employers to provide benefits such as paid sick leave, health care, etc.

I support HB 6859 and I ask the committee to support and pass this legislation.

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